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SUBJECT Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM) Curriculum Review 2002

1. The consolidated outcomes of this year's Curriculum Reviews, held 19-20 February and 4 March 2003 are attached. You'll note two sessions rather than the normal one. Weather inhibited travel for many of our CONUS-base personnel in February, so we held two sessions - the early one covering our Overseas-based curriculum and the second for CONUS-based. While there was some overlap between the two sessions, and I wouldn't want to do it this way all the time, the two sessions allowed us to better focus discussions on the most important scheduling, quota management, and curriculum for each group. As in the past, this year's review covered academic programs for the following training year, specifically FY2004.

2. Overall, I was very pleased with your representative-support, and all that attended were fully engaged and offered various suggestions on how best we might improve our quota management, training and information programs to better support our customer base. Nearly 15 representatives from the military departments (MILDEPs), unified commands (UCOMs), DSCA headquarters and the international training community attended and reviewed each of the courses applicable to their area of responsibility. Your representatives were highly knowledgeable about training requirements, fully participating in discussions,

and provided quality input for quota identification and management also we discussed the status of last year's action items and a number of new DISAM initiatives.

3. Attached are this year's detailed minutes (already coordinated with your organization's representative), plus copies of presentations made during the review. Additionally, the attachment contains a wealth of information pertaining to discussions and suggestions on DISAM courses and initiatives, and a list of Curriculum Review attendees. However, to even better reinforce the concept that curriculum enhancement is an ever-ongoing process, note that we continue to work with various core groups that have more specific feedback on course content - we'll be discussing issues specific to our Financial Management and Case Reconciliation & Closure Courses in May during the Case Closure Council session. Also, you'll note that DISAM will be undertaking major "philosophical changes" in our annual course calendar to better use resources to meet the current and anticipated needs for Security Assistance training for your personnel who make up our workforce.

4. As a result of this year's review, DISAM is in even better stead to better support your training requirements while ensuring our continued maximization of training resources and teaching excellence. Resultantly, I am sincerely appreciative of your continued interest and support of our security assistance-training mission, as well as in our annual Curriculum Review. Your support is critical to our success.

5. I know that, especially under current world conditions, it would be next to impossible to get you as DISAM's Policy and Advisory Council together for a single meeting. However, I intend to meet with each one of you individually during the coming days to better fill you in on the state of DISAM and get any direct feedback you may have. If there are any questions or areas of concern regarding these minutes or any fact of our programs, please let us know. In the absence of any new issues, these minutes will be posted to the DISAM website on 18 April 2002. We look forward to working with you and your staffs in the future.

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Attachment: as is

Cc Curriculum Review Attendees
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